GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7374
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2002
PENDING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS IN BIHAR
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of Bihar are not getting passports from the Regional Passport Office for a pretty long-time;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of applications lying pending in the Bihar Regional Passport Office as on date; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for early disposal of the said applications ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

a)&b) No, Sir. The Passport Office, Patna is issuing passports to the people of Bihar without delay.An application is considered pending after a clear police verification report has been received and the application is complete in all respects. The average time taken by Passport Office, Patna in issuing passport after receipt of a clear police report is less than 10 days.

c)&d)The total number of passport applications pending with Passport Office, Patna as on 7th May, 2002 was 1900.This is due to the diversion of passport office staff for the local elections at Patna. Passport Office, Patna has been directed to clear the pendency in a time bound manner.